

REMARKS

This Amendment is filed in response to the Office Action dated March 3, 2004, which has a shortened statutory period set to June 3, 2004.

New Fig. 2

Based on the corrected Fig. 2 attached herein, Applicants request reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection to Fig. 2.

Amendments To The Specification and Abstract

Applicants have amended the Specification and Abstract as requested by the Examiner. Based on these amendments, Applicants request reconsideration and withdrawal of the objections to the Specification and Abstract.

Potential Claim Objections

Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 11 and 17 are not substantially duplicates of Claims 22 and 23, as amended. Therefore, Applicants request reconsideration and withdrawal of the potential objection to Claims 22 and 23.

35 USC 112 Claim Rejections

Applicants have amended Claims 11, 22, and 28 to correct for antecedent basis. Therefore, Applicants request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of Claims 11, 22, and 28.

35 USC 102 & 103 Claim Rejections

Claims 6 and 15 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base

claim and any intervening claims. Applicants have incorporated the limitations of Claims 6 and 15 into Claims 1 and 11, respectively, and cancelled Claims 6 and 15. Based on the amendments to Claims 1 and 11, Applicants submit that these claims are also allowable and therefore request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of Claims 1 and 11.

Claims 2-5 and 7-10 depend from Claim 1 and therefore are patentable for at least the reasons presented for Claim 1. Based on those reasons, Applicants also request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of Claims 2-5 and 7-10.

Claims 12-14 and 16-17 depend from Claim 11 and therefore are patentable for at least the reasons presented for Claim 11. Based on those reasons, Applicants also request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of Claims 12-14 and 16-17.

Claim 18 recites in part, "means for disabling the processor by putting the processor into an endless loop". Therefore, Claim 18 is patentable for substantially the same reasons as Claims 6 and 15 (original). Based on those reasons, Applicants request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of Claim 18.

Claims 19-21 depend from Claim 18 and therefore are patentable for at least the reasons presented for Claim 18. Based on those reasons, Applicants also request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of Claims 19-21.

Claim 22 recites in part, "means for effectively putting the processor into an endless loop". Therefore, Claim 22 is patentable for substantially the same reasons as Claims 6 and 15 (original). Based on those reasons, Applicants request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of Claim 22.

Claim 23 depends from Claim 22 and therefore is patentable for at least the reasons presented for Claim 22. Based on those

reasons, Applicants also request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of Claim 23.

Claim 24 recites in part, "putting a central processing unit (CPU) into an inactive state by effectively placing the CPU into an endless loop". Therefore, Claim 24 is patentable for substantially the same reasons as Claims 6 and 15 (original). Based on those reasons, Applicants request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of Claim 24.

Claim 25-29 depend from Claim 24 and therefore are patentable for at least the reasons presented for Claim 24. Based on those reasons, Applicants also request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of Claims 25-29.

CONCLUSION

Claims 1-5, 7-14, and 16-29 are pending in the present Application. Allowance of these claims is respectfully requested.

If there are any questions, please telephone the undersigned at 408-451-5907 to expedite prosecution of this case.

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